



# **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**

## **of Dedication & Commitment**





## Registration



With over 300 registered attendees the conference featured seventeen breakout sessions, Face Time with the Primes and finished with the Awards Luncheon. Dana Goodrum, TCTR Conference Chair stated, "Each year we try to provide an experience that is bigger and better than the year before. We search for session topics that are not only applicable to current transportation trends but provide our attendees with an opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and information that they have yet to access. The Bureau is very lucky to have such an incredible group of talented individuals that assist in the planning and delivery of the conference. I was very pleased with this year's event and we have already begun the initial planning for next year!"



*"Great conference cannot wait to attend next year!"*



## General Session



General session opened with a wonderful performance of the Star Spangled Banner by Southeast High School's Show Choir, and followed with the "Ask the Experts" session & featured Motivational Speaker, John Parker.



John Parker, Motivational Speaker



*"Very informative! Thank you!"*



## Breakout Sessions



The conference provided seventeen sessions throughout the two-day event that focused on transportation projects, skill building, program overviews and business development.



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*"Very well put together conference! Well organized and the best one so far!"*

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## Networking



*"Excellent conference!"*



## Awards Luncheon



The awards luncheon was a success with performances from the Southeast High School Drum Line and the Springfield High School Flute Ensemble. Warren Whitlock traveled from the US Federal Highway Administration in D.C. to present a fantastic keynote address. Various awards were presented to showcase the commitment and dedication of IDOT Contractors and Consultants in promoting fair and equal opportunities along with IDOT OBWD Staff for looking for ways and opportunities to promote a successful business enterprise development. A special surprise award was presented to Office of Business and Workforce Diversity's Director, Frank McNeil, for Excellence in Service and recognizing his continued dedication to the DBE community.



OBWD Director, Frank McNeil



Senator Mattie Hunter, Sponsor for the DBE Revolving Loan Program



Warren Whitlock

*"Excellent OBWD Staff!"*

## Awards Luncheon *(continued)*



### **DBE of the Year**

Gardenscape Contractors, Inc.



### **Engineering Firm of the Year**

Kaskaskia Engineering Group, Inc.



### **Prime of the Year**

Sangamo Construction



### **New DBE of the Year**

Avery & Pryor Construction, LLC



### **DBE Advocate Award**

Representative William Davis  
Sponsor for the DBE Revolving Loan Program



*"Great success!"*





**Thank you for participating in the 2014  
Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Reward Conference!**

**See you next year!**



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